

# HEAVY TRUCKS IN CITIES ATTACKED

Conference Held at Mayor's Office for Purpose of Placing Limit on Weight of Loads.

CALLS ANOTHER MEETING MAY 3

Although Sentiment Favors Wheel Tax, Illinois Supreme Court Yesterday Ruled Against It.

Indignant expressions providing for the use of heavy trucks which will be adopted in the cities of Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Davenport, if the decision reached at a conference held yesterday afternoon at the office of Mayor William McConehio is carried out.

For some time the advisability of establishing a wheel tax and restricting the operation of heavy trucks over paved streets has been under consideration in the quad-cities. The matter was suggested by Mayor McConehio and at his instance an initial meeting of representatives from the various cities was held at his office at which time favorable sentiment was expressed.

Yesterday afternoon a second session was held. Consensus of opinion seemed to be that the "people who use the streets should pay for their use." Commissioner G. J. Erickson, Moline, mentioned as a concrete example the much-maligned Fifteenth street in his home city. He told of the heavy traffic on it and the cost of repairing which had to be borne by the property owners on the thoroughfare, although a very small per centage of these heavy vehicles of any kind and do not use the street except in a limited season. He was strongly in favor of a wheel tax. Fees ranging from \$200 to \$10 a year were proposed.

Ten Tons Limit.

It was suggested that 10 tons ought to be the limit for auto trucks and that loads over paved streets. City Engineer Walter Becker, Davenport, brought out the fact that good pavings ought to be laid in the first instance and that thereafter ought to be forced to put in improvements that would make them commercial traffic. Speed of auto trucks was also considered.

In order to put the matter in concrete form it was decided to have a committee named in each city to draft an ordinance and to have a third conference at Mayor McConehio's office late Thursday afternoon, May 3, at which time the proposed measures would be presented and an attempt made to draw a uniform law for the quad-cities. Commissioners N. W. Jahn and City Attorney J. K. Scott will attend for Rock Island.

Those present at the meeting were Alderman W. H. Gosch and Christ Knudt, Walter Becker, city engineer, and J. W. Crowley, commissioner of public works, Davenport; Commissioner G. A. Erickson, Moline, and all the members of the Rock Island commission and City Engineer Wallace Trembler.

After the meeting was over attention of some of the officials was called to the fact that the Illinois supreme court yesterday handed down a decision in which it was held that municipalities had no legal right to impose tax on automobiles, reversing the holding of the circuit court of DuPage county. This would prevent the imposition of any wheel tax in the cities on this side of the river, but would not prevent Davenport from doing it. However, it was decided at the session yesterday that all of the cities would act in conjunction in the premises.

# SHE'S ONLY WOMAN BUGLER IN THE ARMY



Miss Edwina Levois.

Miss Edwina Levois, leader of the first field artillery band of the New York national guard, enjoys the distinction of being the only woman army bugler in this or any other country, and she certainly can play.

# SOURCE OF WHEAT SUPPLY AT STAKE

Chicagoan Real Thinks at Issue in British Offensive Against the Turks in Mesopotamia.

Chicago.—Possession of a source of wheat supply capable of feeding the entire world, is one of the main issues in the fighting in Mesopotamia, and on the adjoining fronts, asserts Professor John Adams Smith of the Northwestern university, Chicago, who is an international authority on the oriental countries.

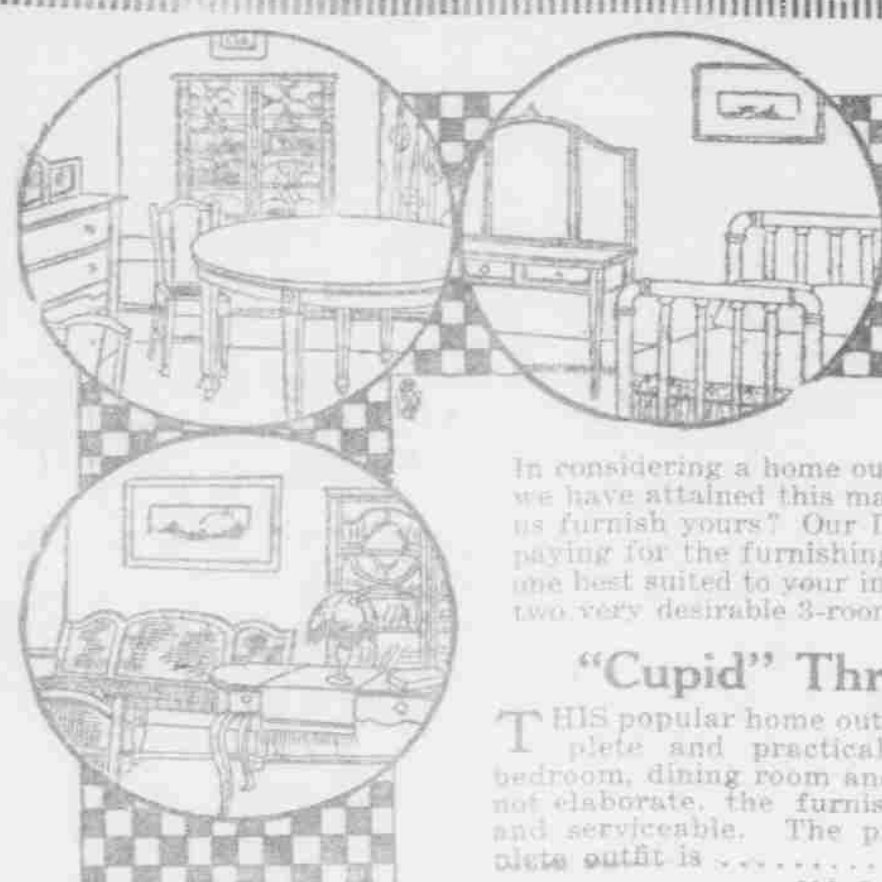
In describing the commercial and military possibilities in the country beyond Bagdad, Professor Smith said: "There is no doubt that the English are now trying to close the door to which any new troops can reach Mesopotamia. It is compared that ancient Babelonia and the territory under its control covered only about one-fifth of Mesopotamia, yet the soil was as fertile and free from disease which produces famine that it supported a wealth a population greater than that of New York now possesses. When Darius was defeated by Alexander, there was found in the vaults of Darius gold and silver to the value of \$500,000,000.

"If all of Mesopotamia can come under the control of one great nation so that there can be a comprehensive and unified development of resources and irrigation, it is safe to say that it will be the richest land on earth, since no other land has soil capable of alluvial deposits and which contains 15 per cent of lime. It is this lime beyond all else which makes this country so valuable, and which makes, rust, mildew and hundred evils impossible. Two harvests can be gathered each year, one from rain and one from irrigation. The one from rain is the only harvest now.

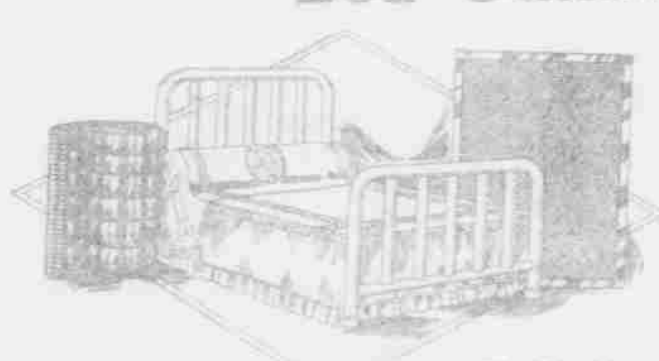
"The movement from Egypt is intended to shut off all access from Europe by land, since the Russians are now in control of Armenia and the overland pass, so that the Turks are forced to send troops through the Isthmus pass, or by the Alexandretta gulf. This is the route of the Bagdad railroad. Asia Minor has a double series of most difficult mountain ranges, Taurus and Anti-Taurus, so that armies must skirt them to the north or to the south. Russia now closes the route to the north so that if England can close the one to the south, she will be as secure in Mesopotamia as she is in South Africa, since there is no avenue by which an army could come. The great difficulty in coming in or out of Egypt has been the intense heat of the desert south and west of Giza, but the uppers speak of a railroad having been built across this desert. The desert is cool at night, so that trains need run through it only by night, since the distance is not great. The English already have a naval base at Sydnos, so that they control the sea and can thus assist the army moving by land. The English are about four hundred miles from their goal and must cross the high mountains of Lebanon or swing to the east where a railroad has already been built through Damascus. If they swing to the east they will withdraw from the protection of the fleet. They may have an opportunity to demoralized the Turks that this protection is not necessary.

"This seems to me the board on which the game of war is being played. Already Germany is helpless in Armenia and Mesopotamia and if English forces can get Aleppo then the power and influence of England will have been doubled by this war and the entire valley of the Euphrates and Tigris will fall into her lap. This will mean a railroad from Capetown to Bombay and a future for the world which has never entered into the mind of the most enthusiastic dreamer.

Incidentally, it is pointed out that the British forces in their northward march through Palestine toward the ancient pass of Issus must cross the supposed field of the battle of Armageddon.



# "Rest-Easy" Bed Outfit!



HERE is a bed outfit that is a real bargain. The continuous port steel bed may be had in white enamel or with a dark finish. The bed is made of metal; the cot and mattress is covered in a good grade of ticking.

**Dining Chairs of Oak!**  
BRIGHTEN up your dining room with some new chairs. In stock and golden oak, with painted finish and seats of green and red material. There are two different styles.



Now—about that **REFRIGERATOR**  
You've got to decide your refrigerator problem soon and we believe you will find the most satisfactory answer in our splendid line of Grand Rapids refrigerators. 35 different models and all priced on a low basis. The one above illustrated is suitable for a medium-sized family and is priced at \$17.50 \$1.75 Cash, 50c a Week



**Colonial Dressers!**  
THIS style is elegant in its simplicity. A newly-arrived shipment of these dressers includes golden oak and mahogany, well-built and well-finished throughout; spacious drawers; beveled mirrors; priced at only—

**Detroit-Made Gas Ranges!**  
Every style make is included in our stock and every range is guaranteed by us as well as by the manufacturers. Cabinet and low oven styles. A cabinet range that is an excellent baker is offered at the amazingly low price of \$27.50 \$3 Cash; \$3 Monthly

# Summerfield's

113-115-2nd ST. Davenport, Iowa.

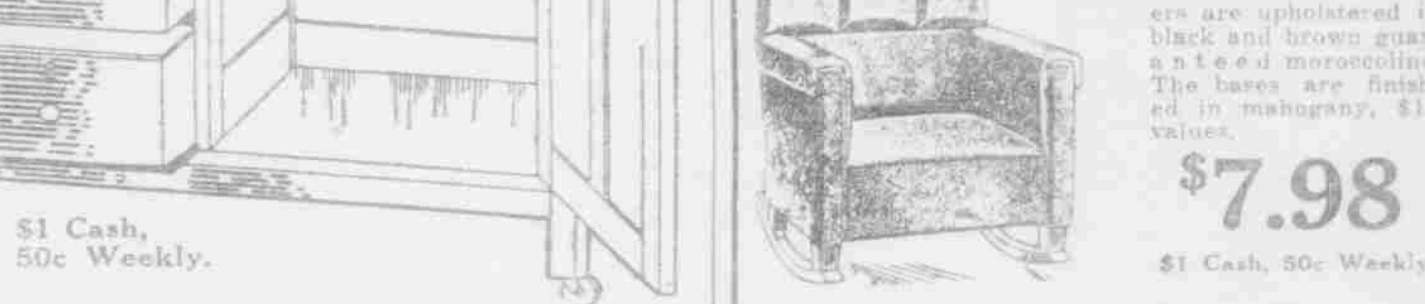
In considering a home outfit, remember that "you'll do better at Summerfield's." "Practice makes perfect"—that's why we have attained this mark in home-furnishing. We have furnished over 11,000 homes in the Tri-Cities. Why not let us furnish yours? Our Dignified Credit System enables you to enjoy all the comforts of a well-furnished home while paying for the furnishings. There are many combinations of complete outfits, so that you'll be sure to find just the one best suited to your individual requirements. Prices range as low as \$65 and as high as you choose to go. Here are two very desirable 3-room outfits.

# "Cupid" Three-Room Outfit! \$99

THIS popular home outfit comprises complete and practical furnishings for bedroom, dining room and kitchen. While not elaborate, the furnishings are stylish and serviceable. The price of this complete outfit is \$99 \$10 Cash, \$2 Weekly.

# "Supreme" Three-Room Outfit! \$129

THIS outfit contains better furnishings for the same rooms as the "Cupid." You may substitute furnishings for the living room in place of those for either of the other rooms. Every article is guaranteed and the price is \$129 \$12 Cash, \$2.50 Weekly.



**Special for Saturday--Chifforobes!**  
THERE is no need to endure the discomfort of having to share closet space with some other member of the family, when you can get such a splendid chifforobe at such a ridiculously low price. Combine well-arranged chifforobes with roomy wardrobes. Of rich golden—these chifforobes are extremely attractive and will give satisfactory service for many years. \$13.75

**Shirtwaist Boxes!**  
COVERED with a high-grade Japanese matting these shirtwaist boxes are roomy, substantial, useful and beautiful. On sale tomorrow at \$1.98

**Our Rental Service Is Free!**  
If you desire to change the location of your home, consult our lists of houses and flats. We maintain this service for the convenience of the public and there is no charge of any kind attached.

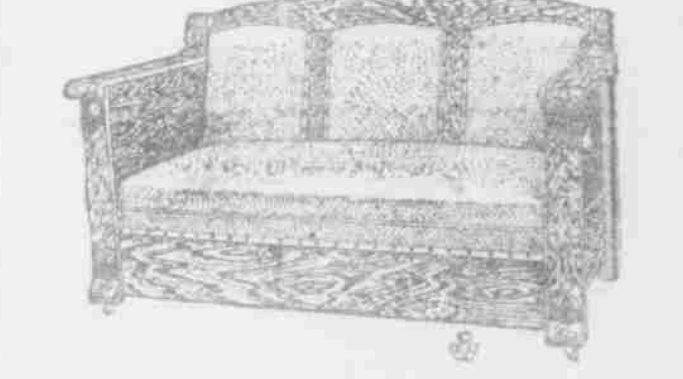
**Baby Carriages of Reed or Fibre!**  
LET baby enjoy the fresh air in one of these dandy carriages. They are large and roomy, well-upholstered and easy-running. In reed and fibre, there are scores of pleasing styles. The colors: white, gray, brown and natural. All on Liberal Terms!

**See This Special Model!**  
It is built of gray or natural colored fiber, with roll edge, rubber tired wheels, rep upholstering; fully guaranteed; priced—\$18.75

**Bargains in Lamps!**  
THE lamps featured for Saturday have stands of dark mahogany and finished in shades in all the popular colors. For table or pedestal. Truly exceptional values at \$5.48 \$1 Cash; 50c Weekly.

**Built for Service!**  
A PARTICULARLY desirable buffet is sturdily built of solid oak, fumed or golden finishes. It has spacious compartments, including full-length linen drawer and lined drawer for silver. The price is—\$18.80 \$2 Cash; 50c Weekly.

# A Davenport by Day—A Bed at Night!



AS a davenport or as a bed, this duofold is equally satisfactory. It is very substantially constructed of solid oak and may be had in fumed and golden finishes. The upholstery is of a beautiful grained marocquin. The price is—\$29.90 \$3 Cash, 75c Weekly

**Rocker Special!**  
Exactly as illustrated, these handsome and comfortable rockers are upholstered in black and brown guarantee and just when you need them most. All room-size as well as scatter-sizes. Buy now—pay later. \$7.98 \$1 Cash, 50c Weekly

# Stupendous Values in High-Grade Rugs!

THINK of being able to get such excellent values in rugs at the very height of the season and just when you need them most. All room-size as well as scatter-sizes. Buy now—pay later. Here Are a Few Examples:

**Durable Brussels Rugs!**  
Size 9 by 10.6 ..... \$12.75  
Size 8.3 by 10.6 ..... \$14.50  
Size 9 by 12 ft. .... \$16.75  
Liberal Credit Terms.

**Elegant Velvet Rugs!**  
Size 6.9 by 8.6 ..... \$11.85  
Size 8.3 by 10.6 ..... \$21.45  
Size 9 by 11 ft. .... \$23.75  
Liberal Credit Terms.

**Rich Axminster Rugs!**  
Size 27 by 54 in. .... \$2.90  
Size 8.3 by 10.6 ..... \$26.70  
Size 9 by 12 ft. .... \$29.85  
Liberal Credit Terms.

**Genuine Wilton Rugs!**  
Size 27 by 54 in. .... \$7.75  
Size 8.3 by 10.6 ..... \$42.50  
Size 9 by 12 ft. .... \$47.50  
Liberal Credit Terms.

**A Jazz Band on Victor Records**  
Oh! boy. It sure is some record. And if you dance, well, 'nuff said.  
**Get it at Baxter's**  
Dixieland Jazz Band and Livery Stable Blues Jazz Band.  
Poor Butterfly and Allah's Holiday Smith's Orchestra.  
We pride ourselves on our record service.  
Try us.  
**Baxter Piano Co.**  
309 Eighteenth St.  
West Side Safety Bldg.

**HAMLET**  
Mrs. C. B. Hamilton returned home Sunday after visiting with her mother, Mrs. Mary Hamilton, and sister-in-law, Mrs. Rose Kelly.

Mrs. Eliza Lee entertained the Women's Missionary society Thursday. The meeting was largely attended.

Mrs. Louis Burrows is at home, the school at Fremont being dismissed on account of the flu epidemic of students. Miss Emily Stewart entertained the I. T. class of the Hamlet Sunday School Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Reaser and Leland Reaser and family spent Sunday at the home of C. E. Doyle.

Howard Cropper and family spent at the home of Tom Spruston Sunday.

Miss Sara Grabe is at home on account of sickness, having been threatened with pneumonia.

Wooden sailing ships with auxiliary oil engines are to be built at a new shipyard at St. John, Nova Scotia. The plant will represent an outlay of \$1,000,000.

All the news all the time—The Argus.